



## **Guidebook to Environmental Justice and Brownfields**

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has published a guidebook for local government officials and community groups. The guidebook outlines steps that local entities can take toward developing successful policies and practices to address existing environmental justice issues in order to avoid future instances. The publication, entitled **Righting the Wrong: A Model Plan for Environmental Justice in Brownfields Redevelopment**, can be adapted to address a number of service delivery and social equitability issues.

Righting the Wrong is the result of a three-year pilot project that involved the City of Clearwater, Florida, and that city's community groups, two Florida universities including the University of South Florida's Center for Brownfields, and Florida A&M University's Center for Environmental Equity and Justice. ICMA, the City of Clearwater staff, community stakeholders, and the universities collaborated to identify environmental justice issues within brownfields neighborhoods in the city. These stakeholders then conducted outreach and education about brownfields and, environmental justice issues, solicited widespread participation from community members, and developed an action agenda that is being implemented to address those issues.

Clearwater's environmental justice plan is the first of its kind in the nation. The plan outlines steps for a range of stakeholders groups to conduct outreach and education, develop consensus, and address the inter-related issues of environmental justice. The ICMA guidebook, and Clearwater's plan emphasizes the importance of participation by all stakeholders in the process of addressing social equitability issues.

Righting the Wrong: A Model Plan for Environmental Justice in Brownfields Redevelopment can be purchased for \$19.95 by calling the ICMA distribution center at 1-800/745-8780, or by visiting ICMA's online bookstore at <http://bookstore.icma.org>, please reference product number 42637.